

**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

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**FILE:** B-212022

**DATE:** June 17, 1983

**MATTER OF:** Gentex Corporation

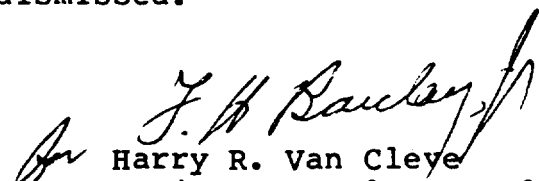
**DIGEST:**

GAO will not consider protest that a competitive procurement should be conducted on a sole-source basis with a particular firm.

Gentex Corporation protests the competitive procurement of helmet visors, line items 3 and 4 under invitation for bids No. DLA100-83-B-0759 issued by the Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The protester contends that other manufacturers have been unsuccessful in their attempts to produce these visors and that, consequently, there is no demonstrated source of supply other than itself.

Gentex essentially requests a sole-source award. However, in view of the objective of our bid protest function, to insure full and free competition for Government contracts, our Office will not review a protest that an agency should procure from a particular firm on a sole-source basis. Ingersoll-Rand, B-206066, February 3, 1982, 82-1 CPD 83.

The protest is dismissed.

  
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